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To: City Manager for Council Information

From: Housing & Community Services Division Manager

Subject: Home Builders Association of Northern California Recognizes Stephanie Gutowski, Staff Analyst for Support to the Home Building Industry

Stephanie Gutowski, Staff Analyst in the Housing & Community Services Division of the Planning & Inspection Department, received special recognition by the Home Builders Association of Northern California at its Southern Division "Building Better Communities Night" event held October 9, 2008 at the San Jose City Hall Rotunda. Stephanie was one of only two recipients to receive special recognition at this year's event.

As she received her Certificate of Appreciation from Joseph Perkins, President & CEO of HBANC, the following statement was made:

"The City of Santa Clara has a code of ethics that was designed to increase public trust and confidence in government by promoting and maintaining the highest standards of personal and professional conduct among the people who work in the City. It encourages City staff to be 'at their best' every day. We are fortunate to work with someone who embodies that trust."

Stephanie Gutowski is a Staff Analyst in the Housing and Community Services Division in the City of Santa Clara. This Division is responsible for administering the Redevelopment Agency Affordable Housing Fund that is used to create and retain affordable housing for very low to moderate income households. The City has a very unique and successful First Time Home Buyer Program that includes a component for secondary financing and a sliding equity share provision.

While Stephanie's title may be Staff Analyst, we have come to know her as the person who makes everything happen. She not only manages the logistics of this program, she trains their designated lenders so the program documentation is accurate and the process is positive for the new homebuyer. Stephanie is an admirable steward for the City of Santa Clara program, and a pleasure for homebuilders and the lending community to work with.

Stephanie is one of those people who is guided by the motivation to do the right thing, and is clearly 'at her best' every day.


Jeffrey B. Pedersen

Housing & Community Services Division Manager

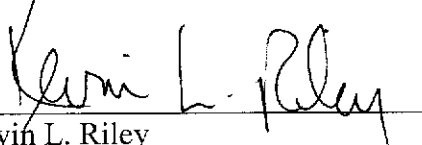
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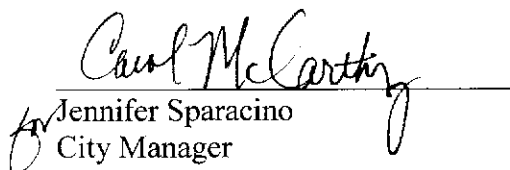
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